(c) whether Government propose to review these cases; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Some persons had submitted a memorandum on 14-3-90 for and on behalf of dismissed personnel of Assam Rifles, requesting a review of the punishments awarded to the Jawans of the Assam Rifles who had agitated against delay in the implementation of the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission.

(c) and (d) Action was taken against the Assam Rifles personnel who were found to be involved in agitational activities and they were awarded punishments commensurate, with their involvement. In the interrest of maintenance of discipline, these personnel cannot be given special treatment and considered for condonation of the punishment already awarded. Hence, the Government do not propose to review their cases.

Arbitrary cuts in fllm shown on T. Vs

2425. SHRi VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while showing feature films on Doordarshan, portions of the films are arbitrarily cut, affecting the continuity of the story adversely, and considerably reducing the enjoyment of the viewers;

(b) what is the need for applying such cuts when the films are already censored; and

(e) if the cuts are applied in order to finish screening within the allocated time span, whether it would not be desirable to plan in advance allocation of time for screening on the basis of the length of the films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) It becomes at times necessary to suitably edit a feature film even though certified by the Central Board of Film Certification in order to ensure that it is suitable in all respects for family viewing. There are also instances where the feature film needs to be edited to accommodate it within the available telecast time. It is, however, ensured that while doing so, the continuity of the film is not to the extent possible adversely affected.

Strengthening Indian Embassies to face tension in the Gulf

2426. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps, if any, are being taken to strengthen the Indian Embassies in Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the Emirates to cope with the task of looking after Indian emigrants and their interests in the context of the present tension in the Gulf; and

(b) whether any concrete plans have been formulated to repatriate those Indian nationals; who wish to return to India; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K GUJRAL): (a) Our Embassies in the region have been strengthened in order to cope with the additional work as detailed below:

1. Amman; Two Under Secretaries, one Section Officer, one Assistant and one Personnal Assistant from Headquarters & one First Secretary on temporary duty from EAI, Beirut.

2. Baghdad: One Personal Assistant from E/I. Damascus.

(b) Yes, Sir. Repatriation is currently being done through special flights from Amman and additional flights to Dhahran and Riyadh have been arranged for those Indians who have found their way to these places. Flights